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and so forth. So we think it's important to continue oversight over this committee. We will be bringing some kind of a statutory change to the body next year, and I want to explain exactly what we're doing here today. Mike Behm is a candidate who is from Malcolm, Nebraska, and he's actually been with the State Patrol for a number of years. First joined in 1977, became acting superintendent in 1998, became assistant superintendent in 1995, was a professor at Bellevue during that period of time, was engaged in Project Safe Neighborhoods from 2003 to 2004, and has served as executive assistant to the superintendent's office of the Nebraska State Patrol since March 2004. He has his master of arts in business management, and his undergraduate in criminal justice. He's involved in a lot of professional organizations and has published and made presentations. The committee was not only impressed with his resume but with his responses to our questions. This was not an appointment that we took lightly. With that, Mr. President, I would recommend...the committee recommends that we...that we do confirm this particular appointment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Members, I know it's difficult, but if you could hold off with your chatter for about another five or ten minutes, we'd surely appreciate it. Discussion of the Chairperson Schimek's report? See no lights on. Senator Schimek waives closing. The question before the body is adoption of the first report by the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. All in favor vote aye; opposed, nay. Have you all voted on the report who care to? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Record vote, Legislative Journal page 1915.) 35 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs' confirmation report.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The first report has been adopted. Mr. Clerk, second report, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, a second report from Government Committee involves the appointment of Mr. Bryan Tuma as Nebraska State Patrol superintendent. (Legislative Journal page 1759.)